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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Restriction Requirement, mailed on December 21, 2005, in the above-referenced application. Please amend the application as set forth below.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.